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1. FISHATT WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN SECRETARIAT ON JANUARY 16 TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR CASTRO Y CASTRO AND MINISTER JOAQUIN MERCADO. AT THAT MEETING FISHATT WAS PRESENTED THREE DOCUMENTS BASED ON MEETINGS HELD IN MEXICO CITY ON JANUARY 14 AND 15 BETWEEN MEXICAN DELEGATION TO THE INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC) AND DR. JAMES JOSEPH, DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS OF THE IATTC. THESE MEETINGS WERE HELD IN LIEU OF PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED BILATERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MEXICO ON TUNA PROBLEMS (SEE REFTEL).

2. THE DOCUMENTS CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING:  
(A) A REPORT OF THE MEETINGS HELD JANUARY 14 AND 15 WHICH SAYS THAT THE MEETINGS WERE HELD, THAT CASTRO Y CASTRO INFORMED THE MEXICAN DELEGATES THAT THE U.S. HAD NOTIFIED MEXICO THAT THEY COULD NOT ATTEND THE MEETING AS SCHEDULED AND COULD NOT GIVE A DATE FOR A FUTURE MEETING AND THAT THEN  
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DR. JOSEPH WAS ASKED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS AS REPORTED

IN REFTTEL. THE REPORT CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER IN RESOLVING THE UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS.

(B) ANNEX 1 TO THE REPORT. A STATEMENT BY DR. JOSEPH THAT THERE IS PRESENTLY NO REGULATORY SYSTEM, THAT UNRESTRICTED FISHING IN 1974 WOULD CAUSE GREATLY REDUCED ABUNDANCE IN 1975 AND THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO REACH AGREEMENT BY THE END OF JANUARY.

(C) ANNEX 2. A STATEMENT BY THE MEXICAN DELEGATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT THE DECISION BY THE U.S. NOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING COULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE TUNA RESOURCE DURING 1974 BUT THAT IN VIEW OF THESE POSSIBLE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES THEY ARE STILL HOPEFUL THAT AN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED VERY SOON.

3. COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSIES IN MEXICO CITY OF EACH OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE IATTC. NO FURTHER PUBLICITY CONCERNING THE MEETINGS IS PLANNED.

4. FISHATT ASKED CASTRO Y CASTRO IF JANUARY 29 WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE DATE FOR A BILATERAL MEETING, EMPHASIZING THAT THIS WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR A MEETING DATE. HE SAID JANUARY 29 WAS ACCEPTABLE TO MEXICO.

5. FULL TEXTS OF DOCUMENTS BEING POUCHED.  
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